

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

1. Please replace the title on page 1 lines 2-3 with the corrected title below.

METHOD AND MECHANISM FOR USING A META-LANGUAGE TO DEFINE AND
ANALYZE TRACES

2. Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 15 with the following paragraph.

An embodiment of the present invention employs semantic networking to represent relationships identified in trace files 508. A semantic network comprises a structure consisting of nodes and links. ~~In the present invention In this disclosure~~, nodes represent resources such as locks, semaphores, ~~source sources~~ of a message, etc. The links define relationships between nodes, such as navigational patterns. Examples of such relationships include “mastered by”, “blocked by”, and “send to” operations for resources. Many languages and ~~system systems~~ are available for representing a semantic network, ~~such as; one such example is SnePS (for which additional information is available at <http://www.cse.buffalo.edu/sneps/>)~~. Semantic networks may also be represented using SGML or its variants such as XML and HTML.